

### **Field of the Invention**

The present invention is related generally to a signalling system and in particular to an apparatus and method in by which a signalling point communicates with itself using loops.--;

5           before line 2, insert --

### **Description of the Related Art--;**

          after line 22, insert --

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;**

          in line 25, delete "a system according to claim 1." and insert --a signalling  
10   means for processing signalling messages, including links via which the signalling  
      means is connected to other signalling means, at least one signalling system that  
      sends signalling messages to other signal means or, respectively, receives  
      signalling messages from these via said links, a signalling system that respectively  
      allocates a signalling network identity to a link; and at least one link that is  
15   returned in a loop from the signalling point to the same signalling point, what is  
      referred to as a loop link, whereby different signalling network identities are  
      allocated to the loop link at the output and input side by the signalling system.--;

          after line 25, insert --

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

20           Figure 1 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the  
      invention for the interworking in a signalling point;

          Figure 2 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the  
      invention for the load generation;

          Figure 3 shows routing tables in the point codes X, 1 and 3 belonging to  
25   the embodiment in Figure 2, i.e. in the different networks of the signalling point  
      supported by the system;

Figure 4 is a block diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention for the interworking in combined broadband and narrowband systems;

Figure 5 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention wherein an operator offers inter-network STP services to a number of other network operators; and

Figure 6 shows routing tables belonging to the embodiment in Figure 5.--;

after line 27, insert --

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.**

On page 2, in line 1, delete "said" and insert --the--.

On page 3, in line 1, delete "Said" and insert --The--;  
in line 10, delete "[sic]"; and  
in line 15, delete "said" and insert --the--.

On page 4, in line 26, delete "[sic]".

On page 5, in line 4, delete "[!!!!!!!!]";  
in line 16, before "primary" insert --a--; and  
after line 22, add the following new paragraph --

Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.